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New York, New York 10020
July 28, 2004

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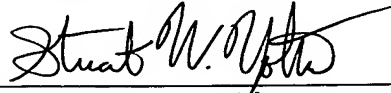
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
June 28, 2004 which did not address the merits of the
above-identified patent application, but set forth an
election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121
requiring applicants to make an election of the invention
to be examined, applicants hereby elect claims 5-48
and 52-57 (identified by the Examiner as invention II)
for prosecution in the above-identified patent
application.

Applicants hereby respectfully reserve the right to pursue the inventions of the non-elected groups, as originally claimed, in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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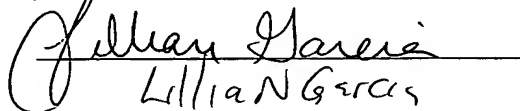
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EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATION

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Date of Deposit: July 28, 2004

I hereby certify that this transmittal letter and the other papers and fees identified in this transmittal letter as being transmitted herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [] a Preliminary Amendment;
[X] a Reply to Office Action; [] a Supplemental Amendment;
[] a substitute Specification; [X] a Fourth Supplemental
Information Disclosure Statement; to be filed in the above-
identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEES
Total Claims	144	152*	0	X \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	7**	0	X \$ 86 =	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$290 =	\$ 0.00
* If less than 20, insert 20. ** If less than 3, insert 3.				TOTAL	\$ 0.00

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.

☒ Transmitted herewith is a Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified patent application, copies of the documents cited therein and Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate). This Statement is being submitted more than three months from the application filing date, but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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EXTENSION FEE

- [] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$110.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$420.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$950.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,480.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$2,010.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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